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#### **COMPONENT 1 - IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL REMEDIES**

# Result 1.1: Partner CSOs, Professional Organizations, and Government Partners Launch Strategic Communication Campaign That Effectively Delivers Priority Access to Justice Messages to Targeted Vulnerable Populations

The Access to Justice Program and IREX completed the second course in the series of trainings for NGOs and government employees in the Kurdish Region. The two day program, "Right to Information" was conducted on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Van Royal Hotel in Erbil. The 15 participants were from the Kurdish Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (KMoLSA), The Kurdistan Bar Association (KBA), the Women Empowerment Organization, the Kurdish Human Rights Watch, and Aswat Al Iraq. The training program covered the ways, the techniques and the importance of presenting the right information in the best way to benefit target groups of a media campaign.



### Result 1.4: Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementing Partner Public Awareness Campaigns

The component team completed site visits to two grantees—Fatema House of Charity for Women and Al-Rahma Humanitarian Organization, located in the critical area of Sadr City in Baghdad. The primary objective of the visit was to verify that the grantees' activities have made some impact on the target beneficiaries and that they are eligible to apply for second grants. The team had the opportunity to interact directly with a large number of beneficiaries at the legal clinic of Fatema House to gather firsthand knowledge of their experience with the services provided by the grantee. The beneficiaries expressed that their lives had undergone a change when they learned during awareness-raising workshops that they could access a number of benefits from the government as widows and divorced women. The team followed up with Fatema House to discuss a second grant which will be focused on awareness raising and expanding the scope of the grant to violence against women as this is rampant in the Sadr City area.







The team conducted a site visit to the Women Empowerment Organization to be briefed on the status of their awareness raising workshops which are expected to be completed by the end of May 2012.



#### Weekly Update of Awareness Campaigns

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings	
I	Iraqi Al-Mortaqa Foundation for Human Development	8 Banners	8 Banners	N/A	4	
		5 Banners	5 Banners			
2	Fatema House Charity	2200 Brochure	1402 Brochures 167)	0	65(11)	
	Women	2000 Plastic Bags with Advertising (Contribution)	2000 Plastic Bags with Ads (Contribution)			
3	Mercy Hands for	5250 Brochures	5250 Brochures	60 Radio Adv.		
3	Humanitarian Aid	2650 Posters	2650 Posters	60 TV Adv.	40(completed)	
		2000 Posters	2000 Posters			
	Al-Malak Human	3000 Booklets	3000 Booklets	16 Live Radio		
4	Organization	3 Banners	3 Banners	Programs	16	
		6000 Adv. in Magazine	5350 Adv. in Magazine (250)			
5	College of Law and Politics, University of Salahaddin	0	0	0	1	
,	Women Empowerment	2 Banner	2 Banner	10 Live Radio Programs	50(0)	
6	Organization .				50(2)	
		Booklet 500	Booklet 215 (45)	TV Ad. I		
7	Salam Al-Rafidain	26 Banners	26 Banners	N/A	20	
,	Organization	1500 Business Cards	1460 Business Cards	14/73	20	
	Al-Rahma Humanity	300 Handbooks	300 Handbooks	TV: I		
8	Association	10 Banners	10 Banners	Web. I	9	
		3000 Brochures	2925 Brochures (75)			
		5000 Posters	5000Posters			
•	Al-Shabak Women	4000 Brochures		8 Radio	0	
9	Association	Announcement in the Al- Yaqeen newspaper about the project	4000 Brochures	Advertisements Web. I	8(completed)	
10	Kurdish Human Rights	4000 Booklets	4000 Booklets	Web: 16 Adv.	( (agraplate d)	
10	Watch	6 Banners	6 Banners	Radio: 6	6 (completed)	
П	Soran Association for	1000 Posters	1000 Posters (100)	I Radio Adv.	3(Completed)	



#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
	the Care of the Handicapped (SACH)			6 Live Radio Programs	
12	Iraq Al Amal	2000 Brochures	2000 Brochures (50)	12 Live Radio	5 (completed)
12	Association	19 Banners (5)	19 Banners (5)	Programs	5 (completed)
13	Women For Justice	500 Posters (on preparation)	n/a	n/a	n/a
14	Baghdad Law School	Printed material & TV Adv. In process	n/a	n/a	n/a
		2000 Posters	0		
		2000 Brochures	0	1	
15	IADO	250 hand bags	0	0	0
		50 Flex 0		1	
		100 Sign boards	0		

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#### **COMPONENT 2 - IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES**

## Result 2.1: Support Iraqi NGOs Working in Priority Access to Justice Areas to Improve their Administrative and Substantive Capacity to Support Vulnerable Populations

A2J completed a site visit to Women for Justice (WFJ) in Karbala. The team provided the organization with technical assistance on reporting and managing information. The A2J team discussed the progress report, database, filling system and classification of the legal services according to the Program classification. To date, WFJ has provided legal services to 161 beneficiaries, 94 consultations and 67 legal representation out of which 11 cases completed.





#### Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)

#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
1	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Najaf Center	Najaf	Women	87(2)	284(10)	177(11)



#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
2	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Kirkuk Center	Kirkuk	Women	151 (7)	166(11)	85(1)
3	Fatema House Charity for Women	Baghdad – Sadr City	Women	0		461(53)
4	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	Baghdad - Shaab	Women	121(0)	382(0)	124(0)
5	Women Empowerment Organization	Erbil - Einkawa	Women	112 (25)	119(18)	67(12)
6	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	Baghdad - Karrada	IDPs	129(0)	136(0)	114(0)
7	Kurdistan Human Rights Watch	Erbil – Einkawa / Khabat	IDPs	233(0)	288(0)	32(0)
8	Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped	Erbil – Soran	Persons with Disabilities	428(14)	196(0)	322(98)
9	Salam Al-Rafidain	Baghdad – Yousifiya	Women	125(0)	81(0)	40(0)
10	Al-Malak Human	Ninawa – Mosul	Women	221(21)	175(14)	81(3)
П	Al-Shabak Women's Organization	Ninawa - Bartallah	Women - IDP	373(10)	287(7)	22(0)
12	Women for Justice	Karbala	Women	57(13)	123 (20)	76(13)

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#### Success Story

Hanan, a desperate widow with one 7-year old child, came to the Al-Rahma Legal Assistance Center seeking relief. Her husband was recently killed in an explosion in Baghdad and Hanan has no source of income to provide for her child with multiple needs.

The Al-Rahma Legal Clinic assisted Hanan in finding a solution for paying her rent so that she could remain in her house. Through a network of private donors, the organization was able to find benefactors that took care of the rent for the mother and child for the next three months to provide immediate relief. Next, Al-Rahma started the process for applying for social security benefits for Hanan and her daughter with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

Soon Hanan and her daughter will be able to live again with their basic needs taken care of, able to access benefits that are rightfully theirs through the assistance of Fatema House lawyers.





2.2: Work with Iraqi legal professional associations (primarily the Iraqi Bar Association and Jurist Union and their subsidiaries) to increase administrative and substantive capacity for empowering lawyers and other legal professionals to assist vulnerable or disadvantaged populations

### Weekly Update of Training to Lawyers Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)

#	Grantee	Focus of Lawyer Training	# of Training Sessions	# of Trainees
_	Kurdistan Bar Association	Legal Service Provision to Vulnerable Populations	5	125
2	Iraqi Bar Association	Human Rights Awareness	9	590

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\* Update not available at time of report for NGOs marked with an asterisk (\*)

# Result 2.4: Support Development of Programs and Modernization of Academic and Practical Curriculum Related to Extending Access to Justice to Vulnerable Populations at Law Schools in Iraqi Universities in Key Locations throughout Iraq

A2J completed all preparations for the Curriculum Development Conference for next month in Erbil. Invitations were sent to 38 law schools, as well as to the Ministry of Higher Education in Baghdad and the KRG, Higher Judicial Council, the Iraqi Bar Association and the Kurdistan Bar Association.

A2J completed a site visit to the Baghdad Law School legal clinic. The legal clinic provides legal services to vulnerable populations and practical training for students on how to provide legal services. This week and the previous week, 445 fourth year students enrolled in a legal clinic course focusing on the Law on Lawyers and the concept of volunteerism—delivering *pro bono* legal services. Forty-nine are students taking lawyers consultations on two topics "marriage registration and divorce cases." During this week, the clinic provided legal consultations for six vulnerable persons in areas including real state ownership rights, divorce, and obtaining IDs.

#### Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups Provided by Access to Justice Law School Partners (Cumulative)

#	Grantee	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Legal Cases or consultations	# of Students Participating (Current or Completed) in the Legal Clinic	# of Courses Relevant to Legal Clinical Education	# of Students in Legal Clinical Education Courses
I	Salahaddin Law School (Erbil)	Various	9	80	2(0)	28(13)
2	Baghdad Law School	Various	15(6)	40	5(2)	982(494)

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### **COMPONENT 3 – ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Result 3.1: Support Partners in Reviewing Processes and Procedures for Reform of Policies, Regulations, and Legislation as they Relate to Vulnerable Populations

#### Having an Effect on Vulnerable People

The Access to Justice Program received an official letter from COMSEC regarding a response from MoLSA concerning the recommendations that the Program made through its Disabilities Roundtable back in December of last year. Regarding two recommendations, 1) raise awareness about the disabled and 2) legislate a disabilities law, the letter supported the adoption of these two actions in an official manner and gave credit to the Access to Justice Program for its role in supporting these initiatives.

A2J met formally for the first time with Dr. Saleem Abdullah Al-Jbouri, the President of the Human Rights Committee in Parliament to discuss the types of work that the program was conducting and how to coordinate directly between program-supported NGOs and the relevant Parliamentary Committees toward passage of laws that support vulnerable groups. With the termination of the Legislative Strengthening Program, Dr. Saleem Abdullah Al-Jbouri appeared interested in new partners from USAID and new ways through which USAID could support Parliament initiatives, particularly given the progress that Access to Justice has made with regard to other legal reform efforts including the funding of two large Law on Lawyers conferences for the Iraqi Bar Association and the substantive Program work in partnership with its grantees for disabilities law and identity with COMSEC. At the request of Dr. Saleem Abdullah Al-Jbouri, A2J provided a concept paper explaining the work of the program and in which areas the Human Rights Committee and Access to Justice could collaborate.



Access to Justice and the Kurdistan Human Rights Watch (KHRW) planned and prepared for the roundtable on residency issues scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. KHRW, which is a program strategic partner, is playing a lead role in the organization of this event and has produced the agenda, press release, banner, and invitation letters which were sent out.





#### **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

The candidate for the position of Grants Manager has been interviewed and finalized. The candidate will be put forth to USAID shortly.

The Grants team prepared grant agreements for recently approved Grant RFAs.

#### **OPERATIONS**

A2J is following up with the requirements related to company registration including the appointment of a statutory lawyer, statutory accountant, and opening of a local bank account among others. The team is also finalizing the recruitment for Senior Program Assistant and Media Specialist. Employment contracts have also been drafted for review by Home Office prior to signing by the staff members who have been with the program for quite some time. Proposals from prospective vendors for the first phase of the awareness campaign are currently being evaluated while the second phase is still published waiting receipt of offers. The closing date for submission is on April 26.



برنامج العدالة في متناول الجميع ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM

**Access to Justice Program Current Approved Grants** 

NGO/CSO Name	NGO	Activity	Target	Grant	Begin	USAID	Status
Project Name or Activity	Location	Location	Beneficiaries	Life	Date	Budget	Dutus
Iraqi Al Amal Association Legal awareness campaign and legal services as a tool for protection of women from domestic violence	Baghdad	Najaf/Kirkuk	Women affected by gender-based violence	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$84,070	Executed
Fatema House Charity for Women Women's legal clinic	Baghdad	Sadr City	Women	6 mos.	1-Nov- 11	\$51,810	Executed
Al-Rahma Humanity Association Center for legal consultations and representation in court for women	Baghdad	Al-Sha'ab	Women	6 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$47,500	Executed
Women Empowerment Organization Public awareness on Women's rights and mobile legal clinics	Erbil	Ainkawa	Widows	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$100,000	Executed
Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid Legal Clinic Aid and Information Services for IDPs and Returnees	Baghdad	Karrada	IDPs	6 mos.	1-Sep 11	\$74,650	Executed
Kurdistan Human Rights Watch Providing public awareness and legal assistance to IDPs	Erbil	Ainkawa	IDPs	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$85,800	Executed
Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped Legal Awareness/Services, Support for Accessibility for People with Disabilities	Erbil	Soran	Disabled	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$72,044	Executed
Salam Al-Rafidain The right for knowledge and justice to weak women and girls	Baghdad	Yousfiya	Women	8 mos.	15-Sep- 11	\$73,065	Executed
Salahaddin Law School Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups in Erbil through a Law School Clinic	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$93,860	Executed
Baghdad Law School Legal Clinic at the College of Law	Baghdad	Adhamiya	Vulnerable/ Students	12 mos.	1-Dec-11	\$91,410	Executed
Kurdistan Bar Association Continuing Legal Education for Lawyers Serving Vulnerable Groups	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$86,310	Executed
Al-Malak Human Improving the access to justice for women in Mosul	Mosel	Mosel	Women	8 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$83,606	Executed
Al-Shabak Women's Organization Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups in the Ninewa Plains	Ninewa	Bartella	IDPs	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$83,310	Executed
Al-Mortaqa Public awareness training	Baghdad	Karada	Govt. and NGO employees	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$92,000	Executed



NGO/CSO Name Project Name or Activity	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
Women for Justice Legal Assistance for vulnerable groups	Baghdad	Karbala	Women	8 mos.	pending	\$69,840	Executed
IADO Public awareness campaigns and Forums for the rights of disabled people in Iraq	Baghdad	Harthiya	Disabled	6 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$78,300	Executed
Basra University Law School Legal Clinic in College of Law, University of Basra	Basra	Basra	Lawyers and vulnerable people	12 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$95,795	Pending
Iraqi Bar Association Capacity Building for Lawyers	Baghdad	Mansoor	Lawyers	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$98,780	Executed
Hataw Strengthening the role of Media in combating Violence Against Women (VAW)	Sulaymaniyah	Sulaymaniyah	Media	6 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$58,746	Grant Agree-ment in Process
Kurdistan Reconstruction & Development Society (KURDS) Access to Justice Social Services for people with Disabilities in Kurdistan Region	Kurdistan	Dohuk	Disabled	12 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$99,464	Grant Agree-ment in Process
Harikar Duhok Legal Clinic	Duhok	Dohuk	IDPs	12 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$99,175	Grant Agreement in Process
Civil Development Organization (CDO) Women Legal and Social Clinic Center	Sulaymaniyah	Kirkuk	women	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$93,050	Grant Agreement in Process
Voice of Older People (VOP) Legal Support and Awareness for Legally Unregistered Marriages	Duhok	Duhok	Divorcees	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$97,926	Grant Agreement in Process
Aswat Al-Iraq Production and Distribution of Video and Radio Awareness Spots and Programming on Access to Justice for Vulnerable Populations in Iraq	Baghdad	Baghdad	Iraqi war widows and vulnerable populations/	6 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$82,700	Grant Agreement in Process
Bustan Association Children, Youth, Widows	Basrah	Basrah & Misaan	children and youth	6 mos.	Mar-15- 12	\$63,963	Grant Agreement in Process
Baghdad Women Association Provision of free legal assistance to vulnerable women in Baghdad	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women & Men	10 mos.	Mar-1-12	\$65,443	Grant Agreement in Process
Iraqi center for human rights Activists (ICHRA)  Empowering vulnerable women to get governmental subsidy in Basrah	Basrah	Basra	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$87,756	Executed
Warvin Foundation For Women Issues Raising Women's Awareness of Their Rights	Erbil	Erbil	Women - Widows	12 mos.	NA	\$98,746	Grant Agreement in Process
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NGO/CSO Name Project Name or Activity	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
Sayed Al-Shuhdaa Organization for Social Development Legal rights awareness campaign and Legal Aid Centre for Vulnerable Women	Basrah	Basra	Women	mos.	NA	\$99,502	Grant Agreement in Process
Hiyad Provide legal and awareness advices to vulnerable women in Basrah	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	NA	\$59,802	Grant Agreement in Process
KHRW Strategic Partnership Grant Training, Mentoring and Resource Centers for Legal Clinics	Erbil	Iraq - Wide	Beneficiaries of all legal clinics	8 mos.	NA	\$234,840	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Arqam Cultural Charity Association Legal Aid Centers and Awareness	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$99,402	Grant Agreement in Process
Al Rawaby  Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness Clinic for  Disabled	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	NA	\$99,532	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Taqwa Association Legal services clinic for women returnees, immigrants, and IDPs	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$99,899	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Meameen Organization Legal Clinic and Awareness	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$97,877	Grant Agreement in Process
Amal Association Humanitarian Al Basyra Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness Clinic for the Disabled	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	NA	\$99,342	Grant Agreement in Process
KHRW Phase II Legal awareness and legal services for IDPs	Erbil	Ainkawa and Khabat	IDPs	8 mos.	NA	\$97,900	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Meezan newspaper Issuing Al Meezan Legal Independent newspaper	Babil	Babil	Babil Population	6 mos.	NA	\$99,300	Grant Agreement in Process
Hadia Awareness campaign and legal services to vulnerable women	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	NA	\$99,682	Grant Agreement in Process
Salam Al Rafidain Registered marriage is essential to ensure the rights of women and children	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women/ Children	8 mos.	NA	\$99,976	Grant Agreement in Process

TOTAL: \$3,503,123





#### **Calendar of Activities**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC	<ul> <li>Jessup Moot Court         Int'l Rounds in             Washington, DC     </li> <li>Workshop on Strategic         Comm. for new IKR         A2J Grantees in Erbil     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil</li> <li>Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil</li> <li>Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC</li> </ul>	Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC	Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC	Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC
31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	•	•	•	■ Component 3 Round Table on Residency and ID Issues in Erbil	•	•



Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<ul> <li>Access to Justice         Quarterly Partners         Meeting - Erbil     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to Justice         Quarterly Partners         Meeting - Erbil     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to Justice         Quarterly Partners         Meeting - Erbil     </li> </ul>	•		•
28	29	30	31	May 1	2	3
Program-wide team meeting, Baghdad Planned Civil Society Reception for Program Partners – US Embassy (To Be Confirmed)	Mid-Year Program     Review	■ IBA Advocacy Moot Court Event			•	•

USAID Recommended to attend events circled in RED